

Axed Slough star joins Wanderers

TONY AMOS, Wycombe's new England signing from Slough Town, moves straight into the attack for tonight's (Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.) Isthmian League tussle with Hayes at Loakes Park, writes Mike Whitesman.

And it could well be at the expense of young Alan Gane in the number seven spot. The blond haired British Universities link-man has filled the problematic third place in Wycombe's front-line, with determination and tenacity.

His lack of senior experience could tell against him however as Amos bows to debut versus a former club.

Amos, 21, was a prize capture for Slough last season, heading their scoring list. The previous year he finished as top Athenian marksman while attached to Hayes.

Tommy Lawrence's double signing of Alan Tottman and Micky Chatterton from Maidenhead shortly before Saturday's first game — a 5-2 home defeat of Harlow — edged him out.

Amos, who appeared in Slough's Berks and Bucks Cup final victory last season, becomes Wycombe's fifth current 'cap'. He is the third international sacked by Lawrence since his reign as Rebels began.

Roy Sleaf, now a professional with Guildford was one. The other, Derek Gamblin (hamstring) is currently on Wanderers' casualty list along with co-defender Ian Rundle (ankle).

Both missed Saturday's outing and sit it out again tonight. Gerry Olsen and Dave Bullock should be retained as deputies in a backrow still unbeaten after 270 minutes football.

It is a proud record for Wycombe, although they have yet to undergo a thorough test. Although known as a strong team built round defence, Hayes possess the strikers to supply that 'going over'.

They total four points from three matches after losing their 100 per cent tag in a 1-0 defeat at Bishops Cleeve on Saturday.

Keith Jamieson, from the 1972 Amateur Cup winning Hendon side, combines menacingly alongside Tony Roberts in the front line.

Roberts will be remembered as the scorer of the match-clinching goal with which Hayes claimed both points at Loakes Park last season. The result ended Wycombe's 11 match unbeaten home run.

In fact, Wycombe drew a goalless game at Church Road earlier last season and are yet to beat Hayes in the Isthmian League. Their revenge came, however, with a 1-0 Amateur Cup quarter final win in March.

Hayes' current squad includes ex-Slough defenders Wilks and Bell, while Mullen returned during the close season from Maidenhead. Peter Drabwell started the campaign under suspension.

Competition is fierce between three goalkeepers. Former Wokingham man Bath vies with last season's regular, Overton and Barr for the first choice.

WYCOMBE: (probable) Maskell; Birdseye, Olsen, Delaney, Bullock; Davies, Williams, Pritchard; Amos, Searle, Hollifield. Sub. Hutchinson.

HAYES: (probable from) Barr (Bath or Overton); Wilks, Bell, Hatt, Thomas, Hartridge, Mullen, Brown, Roberts, Jamieson, Kent, Townsend.

CHALFONT ST. PETER (probable team): Sutherland, Chapman, Pettifer, Weavers, Dollard, Jones, Scrabble, Walker, Bunce, Woolnough, Avis.

AMERSHAM TOWN (possible team): Porter, French, Miller, Haggarty, Allen, Mulken, Cornish, Smith, Breakspear, Hart, Last.

ERNEST TURNERS: (from) Bunting; Jones, Martin, Wilkins, Ives, Hall, Thomas, Lewis, Stone, Walters; Osbourne, Nesbit, Cross.

PRINCES RISBOROUGH: (probable): Deri; Tapping, N. Carter, Caterer, Makepeace, Bell, Stallwood, Brezicki, G. Carter, J. Carter, Crabtree.